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1. In spring 1954, five Soviet citizens made an unsuccessful attempt to escape to the West on the Danube River. Their motorboat, which left the Soviet Union near the mouth of the Danube, got as far as Budapest before being apprehended. 25X1
2. The Soviet motorboat was picked up by Hungarian authorities on 7 May 1954 and brought into Csepel harbor in Budapest. The craft was named ZAKAT and had an estimated length of 21 feet and flew the Soviet flag. Five men in civilian clothing were taken off the craft under police guard. Reportedly, they had left either Reni or Tzrail in an attempt to reach Austria.
3. Three of the men allegedly reported that their wives were aboard another Danube River vessel which was coming upriver to Austria and that they had hoped to meet them in Vienna. 25X1

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